MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether here is any criterion for such knowledge of men and things so that we may be assured of the correctness of the answer?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: May experience of the Land Revenue Department.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether he has been in the Department for the period referred to in the question?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: That is why I said 'it may be due to'.

MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know the total amount allotted for each taluk?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: I claim notice.

Recruitment of Government Pleaders.

222. *MR. P. S. MUHAMMED (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any Government Pleader from the Muslim community at present?

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: None.

Recruitment of Magistrates.

223. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any orders have been passed by Government sanctioning the recruitment of Magistrates from among the duly qualified Sub-Registrars in the State; and

(*b*) the Sub-Registrars appointed as Magistrates as per the above Government order?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Nil.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the number of duly qualified Sub-Registrars eligible to be recruited as Magistrates?

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: About 11.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the reason which weighed with the Government for passing such an order?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: They are graduates in law and Magistrates are being recruited from law graduate clerks employed in the Secretariat, the Land Revenue Commissioner's Office and various other Departments and Government considered that it is only fair and just that the claims of those persons employed in the Registration Department should also be taken into consideration when occasions arise.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAH PILLAI: May I know the date on which such an order has been passed?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: 27th March 1939.

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MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAM PILLAI: May I know from the Government whether there was any vacancy in the Magistrate's Cadre on that date for considering this question?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Not at that time; but one vacancy arose subsequent to that. But preference had to be given to others who had preferential claims

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether persons employed in other branches of the Department or from outside have been appointed in the Registration Department as Sub-Registrars?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I claim notice.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER: May I know whether the principle of communal representation will weigh with the Government when such appointments are made?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: With regard to the recruitment of Magistrates, there is a G. O. in force and that G. O. will be adhered to in making the appointments.

Recruitment of Munsiffs.

224. ***MR. G. VELU PILLAI** (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartikapally*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the qualifications prescribed for recruitment as Munsiffs from the Bar and from the department;

(*b*) the proportion in which Munsiffs are recruited from the Bar and from the department at present;

(*c*) whether there has been any deviation from the existing rule regarding proportion in the years 1113 and 1114;

(*d*) if so, the reason for the same;

(*e*) the proportion recommended by the Laws Delays Commissioner and whether it has been accepted by the Government; and

(*f*) if the answer to part (*e*) is in the affirmative, when it is to come into force?

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) The member is referred to G. O. R. Dis. No. 1752 of 37/Judicial., dated the 8th July 1937, published at pages 1430 and 1431 of Part I of the Gazette dated the 13th July 1937.

(*b*) Alternately, *i. e.*, 1 : 1.

(*c*) Yes; by the appointment of Mrs. Anna Chandy in 1113.

(*d*) The appointment of Mrs. Anna Chandy was made on grounds of expediency in recognising the claims of women Advocates to hold Judicial offices.

(*e*) Three-fourths from the Bar and one-fourth from the ministerial staff; yes.

(*f*) Only after the existing qualified men in the Judicial Department are all provided for.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: With reference to answer to Part (f) may I know the number of existing qualified men?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I claim notice.

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